



APHIAplus Northern Arid Lands (NAL)

Objective

APHIAplus supports improved service delivery in technical areas of HIV/AIDS, malaria, family planning and tuberculosis, and Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH).

Project status

APHIAplus NAL project is a partnership comprising: Pathfinder International; Management Sciences for Health; IntraHealth International; Food for the Hungry; and, International Rescue Committee. The project also works with numerous other local implementing partners, including government ministries, non-governmental, faith-based and community organizations. The project was awarded on May 14, 2007 and ends on May 13, 2012.

Key activities

The project covers the northern 60% of Kenya, an area characterized by remote, nomadic communities with limited access to goods and services. Innovative strategies are required to address the unique challenges faced by communities in this zone. Project activities occur at both health facility and community-levels and involve a high level of collaboration with Government of Kenya (GoK) and stakeholders at provincial and district levels. Activities fall into two result areas:

- Increase in the use of quality health services, products and information
- Addressing the Social determinants of health

Achievements

- The project has established operational sub-regional field offices in **Lodwar, Isiolo and Garissa**, as well as six new district-level field offices in **Turkana, Samburu and Marsabit** Counties.
- In Isiolo, The project implemented an assessment of sexual behaviors amongst key Populations. The results of this assessment will be used to develop an HIV/AIDS prevention strategy targeting key populations at risk of HIV infection.
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- The project conducted facility and community assessments in **Turkana, Samburu, Marsabit, Isiolo and Tana River Counties**. These assessments are used to introduce the project to stakeholders, confirm needs and priorities, and identify potential local implementing partners.
- APHIAplus NAL established agreements with local implementing partners to provide support for over **15,000** orphans and vulnerable children.
- APHIAplus NAC is responding to the drought crisis in the region and has increased commodity deliveries and personnel assistance to health facilities in the worst affected areas.

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